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MBA Chooses Honor Council For 47-48

SCHOOL ELECTS OFFICERS TO CARE FOR CLASS BUSINESS

Last Thursday the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth forms and their respective elections for class officers. Before we were dismissed from chapel for our various meeting places Mr. Sager impressed upon us the importance of taking the elections seriously.

The duties of the president are to conduct class meetings, keep order in the meetings, and to represent the class in other schools and meetings. The duty of the vice-president is to take over when the president is absent. The secretary and treasurer takes notes of the meeting. He also takes on whatever odd duties there are as collecting information, and taking up dues. The officers also preside over the literary societies.

Realizing the importance of getting the boys who would best represent us, we held the elections in a very orderly fashion and in a very short time these returns were handed in to the BELL RINGER.

In the freshman class Bobby Gram was elected president, Henry Hooker, vice-president, and Tony Jones, secretary.

Robert McNeilly is the headman in the sophomore class, ably assisted by Vice-president Billy Bryan and Secretary Billy Coble. Wilber Creighton is wielding the gavel again this year for the juniors. To help him keep things going in order is Don Wade, vice-president, and Vernon Sharp, secretary.

The first business on the docket of the senior class was the choosing of the two boys to try for the Pepsi-Cola scholarships. Bob Brown and Walter Noel will take the examinations for these awards. Representing the senior class are Bill Wade, president, Bob Ezell, secretary, and Vernon Sharp, secretary.

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Andrews Field Remodeled This Summer; Stands To Goal Lines

M. B. A. is now the proud possessor of the best high school football stadium in this part of Tennessee.

During this summer and fall enough permanent steel tiers have been erected to give us stands from goal line to goal line on both sides of the field. These give us 6,000 feet of seating plus the bleachers on the north end.

Since we've always wanted reserved seats, the entire west side has been fenced off for this purpose.

There is a new mechanically operated scoreboard down on the South end. It tells the time, quarter, score, down, and yardage. Standing so that it can be seen from any part of the stadium, the scoreboard is eighteen and a half wide and twenty-two feet high.

Some of us now wonder how the school is able to do all this. Most of the credit goes to Coach Howard Allen. He's worked constantly since he solicited funds for the first stands back in 1940. Before that the people who didn't stand carried the lunchroom benches out on the field. Interest in football has been steadily climbing since then. Coach, foreseeing the great postwar boom in prep football interest, has turned football at M. B. A. into a money-making proposition. It has been a big job-getting everything lined up for these new stands, but we can always count on Coach.

School Spirit

The question this week is: Is the school spirit here at M. B. A. what it should be? First we should have an explanation of what real school spirit is. A faculty member says:

"School spirit is the way in which a student turns out for athletics, participates in school activities, and upholds the good name of the school. There is the hanger-on who puts nothing into school in return for the many benefits he receives. Then there is the student who is always to be seen at athletic contests, and many places where he is not required to be. Nevertheless no matter how good is the spirit of the school there is always room for improvement."

Applying this explanation to M. B. A. what about our school spirit?

When asked, a sophomore says:

"M. B. A.'s spirit is fair—probably as good as any in similar schools. The attendance and rooting at the recent football games has not been good. Many raised hands are seen at Assembly, but the owners do not show up at the football games."

In conclusion, the question—"What can we do as individual students to promote the creed of good school spirit?" should be answered:

"It is not difficult for everyone of us to be on hand where matters of our school are concerned. Let it be known to all that M. B. A. is composed of boys who do their best for their school in all things and at all times. Let it also be known in the future as in the past that with M. B. A. boys—M. B. A. IS RIGHT."

Opening Day At M. B. A.

Date: September 8, 1947; time: 8:00 P.M. Through the warm morning air is heard the crisp ringing of an electric bell. This is it. The humming of the auditorium gives way to the voice of Mr. Richard Lee Sager, the headmaster of Montgomery Bell Academy. Yes! it was the first day of school.

Mr. Sager opened the school year with a reading from the Bible, followed by an explanation of the Academy rules. The old boys recognized such old favorites as the ban on studying in morning assembly and chewing gum, while the new-comers were shocked by the No Shirttail Act. Then even before all the shirttails had been hurriedly stuffed out of sight, the introduction of the teachers was begun.

Assembly over, everyone rushed between their classes. After the short, fifteen minute periods over the students again met in the study hall. This time to take the intelligence test which is given every year. Half of the group remained in the study hall; the other half taking test in the cafeteria. Following the test school was dismissed about 12:30; but a few late-comers stayed behind to buy that last English text in the bookstore.

Honor System Receives Boost As Students Choose Fine Boys; Senior Class Picks Bailey, Brown, Nelson, Ambrose



Two years ago the Honor System was installed at M. B. A. by a majority vote of the student body. At first no one could tell how well the new plan would work. Now, after two years of operation there is no doubt but what the System is highly effective.

The purpose of the Honor System is to discourage lying, cheating, and stealing at M. B. A. and even more important to promote a genuine feeling of Honor among the Academy's students. The machinery of the System is set up in such a manner that a boy who commences cheating on tests or doing anything dishonest will be given every opportunity to discontinue such practices, without needless embarrassment. If a boy is seen cheating, for example, he is first supposed to be warned to stop. In the case the boy does stop the matter is dropped then and there. If on the other hand, the boy is caught cheating, his name should be turned over to a representative of the Honor Council. The Honor Council, the group of students, elected by the students to enforce the Honor System. The Honor System does not cover infractions of the school rules."

The Honor Council decides if a boy is guilty of lying, cheating, or stealing; or not. And if such is found to be the case the body recommends a punishment to fit the offense; this punishment is approved by the faculty. Usually the first offense brings a reprimand; expulsion is used only as a last resort.

In selecting the Council four representatives are chosen from the senior class, three from the junior, two from the sophomore and one each from the freshmen and grade school. This year the following boys were elected:

From the senior class—Edward Nelson, Bill Baily, Bobby Brown, John Ambrose.

From the junior class—Charles Blackard, Bobby Chickley, Bobby Bonar.

From the sophomore class—Lem Stevens, Charlie Hawkins.

From the freshman class—Ben Moore.

From the grade school—Jackie Duncan.

No Strings Attached

Shhh. You are about to witness a murder. Look! There on the porch of the Caldwell mansion a tall dark-haired man is pulling a string. A shot! Glass shatters. The man throws away the string and raps furiously on the front door. As the door swings open, we perceive four people, two men and two women.

"Bill," said Jerry, the taller one, "what happened?"

"A man on the ledge shot into my mother's room. Girls, go up and see what you can do for her. Fellas, come with me. We may catch him yet. You go that way, I'll go this. After the men depart, we see Bill go into the yard, jerk the string and gun down from the ledge and then from the tree, which was used as a pulley. Just then a shout comes:

"Bill, we've found your man." Bill runs to the spot. On the arrival, he sees no other than James, the butler.

"I didn't do nothing. I'll swear I didn't. When I heard the shot, I

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Two Seniors May Get Scholarships

Each year the Pepsi-Cola Co. offers to students in their senior year, 119 four-year college scholarships and 550 college entrance awards.

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Each entrance award winner receives 50 dollars bonus, provided he enters an accredited college or university by the following fall.

The contestants are elected by their fellow seniors and cannot exceed 5% of the number of the class. They will be given preliminary examinations at their own schools November 21. The 15 students in each state making the highest mark on this exam will go to the finals on January 24 and the two from each state with the highest grades will win the scholarships.

Although this is of primary interest to seniors, it is also something very worth while for the rest of us to work for.

Key Club Chooses 11 New Members; 7 Soph

On Monday, September 22, the Key Club of Montgomery Bell Academy held its first meeting in Miss McCauley's room to elect the new members of the Key Club. The only requirements for membership are: The person must be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior; and the person must be in the upper third of his class.

Since the greatest emphasis is placed on service, the most industrious of the boys are picked. The great privilege in this organization is the opportunity to serve others by one's work. This year seven Juniors, one Sophomore, and three Seniors were chosen. The Sophomores were chosen rather quickly, but long consideration was put forth in the case of the Junior. Finally Billy Price was chosen. In the Senior class the race was even closer. But Gordon Long, John Ambrose, and Tom Kennedy were elected. The Sophomores were, Robert McNeilly, highest in his class scholastically; Lem Stevens, James Henley, Billy Bryan, Inman

Mr. Ferrell, Navy Vet, Joins Math Dept.; Taught At Columbia

When the teachers were introduced to the student body the first day of school, we all noticed one new name among the old ones, that of Mr. H. E. Ferrell.

Mr. Ferrell comes to us from Columbia Military Academy, and is teaching first year algebra and plane geometry. At Columbia Mr. Ferrell was the swimming coach and assistant grid coach. His coaching ability pointed out, M. B. A. was quick to capitalize on it by placing him in charge of Microbe sports. At the present he is devoting his time to their football team, who have yet to play their first game. Incidentally, the Mrs. new coach says that all his boys know how to tackle and even more important than that they have the necessary grit. These two qualities would predict a good season for the grade school.

Mr. Ferrell received his prep school education at Morgan, where he entered into most of the sports, excelling in football and track. After leaving Morgan the young track star completed his education at the Tennessee State Teachers College. During the time when he was obtaining his higher education, Mr. Ferrell even furthered his records in football and track.

Throughout the war Mr. Ferrell served his country as a pilot in the naval air corp. While he was in the Navy the former track star reached the rank of full Lieutenant, seeing action in the Solomon Islands.

His original home in Berra, Kentucky, our new teacher has made his residence at 2006 Natches Trace, where he lives with his wife and one year old son.

When asked what he thought concerning M. B. A. Mr. Ferrell was most enthusiastic, saying that he thought Montgomery Bell was the outstanding prep school in the South.

Fox, Fontaine McDaniel, and Bill Estes.

The Key Club was given the right to the concessions at the dance tomorrow night and at those which will come later in the year. As you know the dances will be held in the gym, with a juke box furnishing the music. All students are invited to come and to bring dates. The dance starts at 8:00.

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WAR IN TEN YEARS?

It was a little more than two years ago that the world celebrated the end of the bloodiest and most devastating struggle known to man. We all looked back at the tattered League of Nations and said, "We are wiser by our experience. We shall never make the same mistake." We pointed confidently to the United Nations Charter, ratified but a month and a half before the final surrender and said, "Surely, this is the answer."

Now many of us, fuming over the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill or the inflationary spiral of prices, forget that the outside world exists. We boys, content with new cars and a date twice a week tend to forget that *we*, the youth of America, may soon be fighting and dying for the liberties which were paid for so dearly in the last war. If we Americans do not soon break this trend toward isolationism, our country will again be engulfed in a struggle, far more devastating than anything known to man.

At the present time the United Nations Organization is about to go on the rocks. As a matter of fact the United Nations is so powerless that its existence offers little hope for perpetual peace.

Why is the United Nations so powerless? Because the Security Council cannot take action against any member of the "Big Five." Hence nothing is done about Greece; nothing is done about Palestine; nothing is done about the atomic bomb or disarmament. The Marshall Plan, a veto compromise, is thrashed by the bitter words of Andrei Vishinsky; however we must not be too hasty in our condemnation of Russia. For without the veto Russia would lie powerless before the rest of the world. So far the only veto her doctrines have continually carried is that of Poland. It seems that the United Nations, powerful but futile, must soon yield to either a better organization or to direct arbitration between the powers.

If the U.N. folds up, what will be our chances for peace? Anyone can see that the chance is small. "Power politics" would give us peace for a number of years. In other words, if we have a great army and hold most of the world on our side, Russia would not dare start another war. But this plan entails great expenditures. What is more, we would have to continue these disbursements indefinitely. Our economic system, straining under the tremendous taxes today, might sink in poorer times. America, the richest nation on earth, would lose one of her greatest advantages, and would be left almost at the mercy of an aggressor nation. While protecting us for some years, the plan of "power politics" must eventually lead to our destruction.

Then is there any hope for mankind? Very little, indeed. But that hope does exist. Something new? Something different? Not at all. As a matter of fact the answer has always been the same. That answer is understanding—*mutual understanding*. Now the need for understanding is greater than ever before; the opportunity greater. The next war means utter destruction for both sides. Even the winning nations will be losers. For all the conquered lands will be demolished by the unprecedented fury of the atomic bomb, and perhaps even a cosmic ray, the destruction of which cannot be imagined. While we hear nothing, both our scientists and those of Russia are working feverishly in search of this "insurance" against aggression. Certainly the world cannot survive another World War.

Now as never before we have the chance for understanding.
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Every year our paper and annual are sponsored by numerous advertisers. Many of the concerns advertise just to help the school. Very few people advertise in hopes of increasing their business, for they feel that advertising on such a small scale would not substantially help. At any rate without these numerous sponsors we would be unable to put out a paper for less than twenty-five or thirty-five cents per person per issue. In other words the paper would not be worth anything like what it cost.

Because these patrons of the school are doing us this favor, we owe it to them to give them business whenever it is possible. And when you do give one of these concerns your business, let the employee waiting on you know that you're from MBA and saw the ad in the school paper or annual. Of course that knowledge that their ad increases trade will make the owner more readily patronize the school publications. Remember, next time you're shopping, to drop in on our advertisers and give them your business. You help the stores and you help the school.

Class News

Grade School News

The Miracles were off to a good start this year after too short a summer; most because they had to and some small few because they wanted to.

Having the shirttail in has its extremes. Maybe shirts should be tucked neatly in but heavy wool jackets were not manufactured to be worn in. We still have hopes of overcoats being worn outside the pants, but who knows.

For those who don't know the small with the large grin in Sambo Harwell in the first form.

Some teachers in the second form give demerits for answering questions, smiling and fixing pen tops. Actually we should be thankful. The next generation is in danger of four Ph. D. Powells. His ambition is to become a teacher—five demerits for breathing, ten for thinking, also ten hours homework per subject. His explanation—"Revenge."

Who doesn't Champion Harwell take the courts? Maybe there's no one to give him a game worth playing. How about it, Sambo?

Freshman News

School has started and so have the paper wads in study hall. Around our campus one sees the old boys grouped together and pointing to new boys with a "And who may, I ask, is he?"

One new boy in particular is the talk of the town. He is so big and husky that even the tough guys make sure they don't make him mad. The tall young man is Togy Jones.

Yesterday while on the gridiron I saw an amazing display of talent by "Lightning" Lowe. It is the general consensus of opinion that "Lightning" will be "All-American" this year.

Question: What freshman with the initials D. A. is called the "brat"?

Answer: Dillard Adams.
Question: What would happen if Joe Trueman got his Latin?

Answer: The Latin class would drop dead.
If Dick Bransford ever walked by the fire station, they would probably try to put out the fire on top of his head.

Sophomore News

Poo, Poo LaRue.
Watch for LaRue.

Well, we have nine months of this and there's nothing we can do about it. These new boys are doing O.K. Several have been seen carrying books home—(they claim to study). "Iron" Bramble started the year off with a bang—right into a truck... In the absence of girls, Ken (I never had a thing right in my life) Hardcastle and John (which way did he go, George, which way did he go?) Lytten have been seen going steadily to the Happiness Club... Hawkins is first string Varsity this year and has ideas of turning pro... Billy ("the Cackle") Mason says after you've been to H. H. S. a week, you tire of seeing all those girls. (Doctors say he'll recover, though)... John Adams shines in football practice—Spickard's shoe... Tim (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior) Nelson is hoping to become Man-of-the-Year in demerits... Lew (110 m.p.h. or bust) Wood has been doing all right this year. He has only had trouble with two people, one, we won't mention, and Maxie Ranton... Irman (the Midget) Fox and his cohort, Fontaine (the Midget, Jr.) McDaniel, came through brilliantly against S.M.A. Fontaine modestly described it as his "usual superlative game"... If you don't think the people in the U. S. waste 14,000,000,000 man hour a year, just see LaRue... Seen at the H. H. S. dance the other Friday were Homer Gibbs and Donis Craig with Billy Cole trying to cut in... Has LaRue really been taking billiard lessons from Frank Turner?

THE PROFESSOR AND THE DOCTOR

Junior News

Harmony reigns again in the class rooms. The teachers and

boys are hitting it off fine. All anyone wants to know though is who will hit first. Some of the teachers and their favorites are Mrs. Bitzer and Jack Fore, Mr. Younger and Tommy Seigenthaler, and also Mr. Ferrill and Huston Horn are in opposite corners.

If you can't get a last minute date or if you need advice about girls I would suggest that you consult Dick Thorpe or Jimmy Napier, who are experts in that field.

I understand the demerit boys are trying for a new high this year. Among the boys slugging it out for top honors will be Moore Milam, Tim Nelson, John Roberts, and Jack Burch. We're all behind you boys, one-hundred per cent.

Last week I saw a bunch of jerks from out this way at the "Y" doing weight lifting in a beag (local tabloid, excuse me). Among these were Jarman, Dickerson, and Bivins. Doing a sight more push-up than I thought possible was ole Jim Napier. We asked him how he learned to do so many at one time. Replied Jim, "Practice, boy, practice."

The other night in the West gam, as the teams broke from the huddle, Billy Price just stood there and looked around. As the boys took their positions Price noticed four men in the backfield so he decided to get in the line.

Senior News

Well, it seems that Ed Nelson is closer kin to Mrs. B. this year than last.

Dupey Howard better wipe that Peabody teacher's blood off his jeep, before he gets caught.

Nobody speaks to Wade anymore since he helped Wardin Sager unload the new torture racks and iron maidens for the coming semester.

Why has Jake Wallace developed such an interest for Fess Rale's music?

Ask John Alden what he does at all horse shows.

All I hear is Red Rose (Al Williams) telling of what he's going to do next week end. It's something about a deal he's going to pull.

It was a smile of humiliation that beamed on Mr. Hackman's face after Coach left a snake in the former's chemistry classroom last week.

Tom Harrison

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Greetings! Here's a new twist—Let us know how you like it—On second thought, maybe not!

This column will be sincerely dedicated to Mrs. Bitzer, who should shudder over the split infinitives, etc. What about that new hair-do, anyway? How would Mr. Hackman look with his up in the back like that?

Welcome to the new boys; they seem to be the best yet.

The team's tops, the new stands, et al, are the K-A-T-Z—! Hats off to Coach Allen for all that! But one thing still lacks—More School Spirit! (See Roving Reporter) An M.G.M. Production.

Why is the first period Study Hall so quiet?

Pity the poor kids who—

—have a one-hour Study Hall.

—have to stay in the lab when the stinks are in the making.

—are on the privilege list (Irony).

—are Seniors (English, that is).

Glad to see Ingram and the Hookers back. Just like old home week.

Brickbats to—

—whoever shortened the lunch period.

—whoever invented longer skirts.

—whoever started Poo Poo LaRue (Will it out Phoochiam?)

Press box is classy. Rose Bowl is interested in our stadium.

Songs of the month "Near You" and "Celery Stalks At Midnight."

Mrs. Bitzer and Mrs. Campbell have cooked up (witches brew) a much better book system for required outside reading. Hand me my pipe and slippers, Cleo, I'm gonna settle down and read, one of these cold winter nights.

"I've Gotta See A Man About A Dog" is Mr. Rule's latest hit! Nom de plume: Cliff James. That Grand Ole Opry stuff really sends me—

But where?

Looking forward to the Homecoming Dinner. The Auxiliary has the plans already to roll (that's a Pun You Bums) Pass the biscuits, Cleo.

It's nice sweet, fun, lovely, food, fine, adorable, heartwarming, everything to see all the old familiar faces around, every now and then, Alumni, that is! Joe Martin, "Monk" Whiteaker, and John Griscum whizzed out for awhile after signing up at Vandy.

Smallest boy in the High School, Togy Jones. Don't trip over him: He's a square guy.

Tennis team versus S.M.A.

That Pupa-Cola contest for college scholarships sounds great. Let's hope our boys make good. Twice as much for a nickel, too! Peas, Peas into the pot, first few days.

It's about time you got back, Derryberry. Tough to be sick and miss out on those first few days.

Wonder what the outcome will be James Cates (in his Lincoln) Races Bob Parrish (in his Franklin) ? Look at 'em go.

Pretty new doors on the Science Building. But there's not enough glass to break out of them! Bets are being taken on how long they will last. Consult my booky, Cleo!

Allow me to close with this thought by Alexander Pope: "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

SCHOOL OFFICERS

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vice-president, and Bob Brown, secretary and treasurer. Bob was instructed to get information about the senior rings and to find out what boys will get these.

From the above names you see that we really took Mr. Sager's advice to heart and elected the boys who can best represent our classes and the school. We're with you fellows and wish you good luck in performing your duties.

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By Roscoe Davis

A large number of our more socially minded students has been overheard lately complaining of the lack of seating arrangement for their dates.

Although the situation may not be as bad (see cartoon see page) depicts, it is nevertheless a condition which might be remedied. We suggest that the remaining tickets for the student section which have not been sold be made available for purchase at every game for the students and their dates. We hope that the authorities in power will deem this an advisable step.

Despite prediction of many of Nashville's high school sports fans, the Maroon forewall is holding its own with many of the heavier lines. Most of our lines' stalwartness must be due to "guts" and know-how because the average weight of the men in the starting line is only one hundred sixty-three pounds—just two pounds more than our average back. Sparked by Bob Ezell, the line has shown great improvement since the first game of the season with the Litton Lions.

M. B. A. is very fortunate to have an apt pass-recorder in the person of George Engle and Bill Wade. Wade has won acclaim as the best passer in the city, and the most valuable player in the Interscholastic League. Although Engle has won no such honors as yet; he has proved himself one of M. B. A.'s most valuable men. It was due in no small measure to his running and receiving that the Maroons were able to defeat Litton and West.

The fall tennis squad began practice one week after school opened. Although four weeks have passed and the positions of the boys have not as yet been formulated, the squad has been divided into three groups: The beginners, the intermediates and the experts. "Fess" Rule has set aside certain days each week to help the different sections.

Just to prove the old school is still the same, in the match with Sewanee "Fess" Rule could be seen walking up and down the courts during the tense moments with that big black "seagrass" in his mouth.

In the west game M. B. A. showed much more offensive drive after the half than it did in the first two periods of the game. The Maroons rushing, gained 80 yards more in the second half than they did in the first. In the air, the Maroons raised the sum from one five-yard gain in the first two periods to four passes—totaling 45 yards in the last half—I wonder what coach told the team between halves.

Fall Net Squad In Three Groups

Fall is here and a young man's fancy lightly turns to girls, football, school (by necessity), and tennis, the last of which this article is about. M. B. A. is steeped in the tradition of fine tennis and has a year-in, year-out reputation of producing some of the best young netters in the country. A glance at the impressive list of Maroon alumni such as Joe Davis, Johnny Hyden, Dan Denny, John Bell Keeble, Royal McCollough and many others would convince anyone. This year promises to be no exception with Harry Corson, Gordon Long and other front-liners back.

"Fess" Rule has divided all the boys out for tennis into three groups: the beginners, the intermediates and the experts. The beginners include those boys who have played little, if any, tennis previous to this year. "Fess" has taught them the elementary tennis strokes (serve, forehand, backhand, etc.) and various bits of court strategy. Several of these future varsity stars have been progressing very nicely and include Milton Bracy, Tony Jones, Mike Black and George Kirkpatrick.

The intermediates are those boys who have advanced beyond the be-

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Red Team Opens With 20-7 Win Over Litton; Engle Nets 8

In a game marked by sparkling runs, M. B. A. tamed the Litton Lions before a near-capacity crowd of about five thousand football fans at Andrews Field, Saturday, September 13. Running was the primary offensive weapon of both teams as the Big Red rolled up a 20-7 victory.

When the opening whistle blew, George Engle kicked the ball to the Litton 12. The Lions returned it to the 17; then a short punting duel ensued, during which Bill Wade kicked out of bounds on the Litton 2-foot line. This duel ended with M. B. A. in possession of the ball on the Lion 30. The Maroons then marched in six plays to the Litton 3, from which Erhart scored. Engle converted. For the second time George kicked off, the ball going to the Lion 5, where it was picked up and run back to the 25 by Kenneth Duke. Litton, threatening for the first time, marched in 7 plays to the M. B. A. 20, where they were thrown for a five-yard loss, the Maroons taking over on their own 25. The Big Red advanced to the 30, where Erhart fumbled. Litton recovered and picked up 5 yards as the quarter ended.

The second quarter began with the Lions in possession of the ball on the M. B. A. 25. After picking up 4 yards, they were penalized 10. On the next play Litton picked up 11 yards only to fumble, with the Maroons recovering on their own 20. The Big Red then marched to the Lion 39, where Litton was penalized 5 yards. George Engle scored on the next play and then booted the ball between the uprights to make the score 14-0. For the third time M. B. A. kicked off.

The ball went out of bounds on the Lions' 26 and, according to the rule, was moved to the 40. After three unsuccessful downs, Litton kicked to the Maroon 35. The Big Red then started a sustained drive which fizzled out on the Lions' 26 because M. B. A. was penalized 15 yards. After two incomplete passes, Bill Wade kicked out of bounds on Litton's 11. The Lions moved to their own 47 at the half ended.

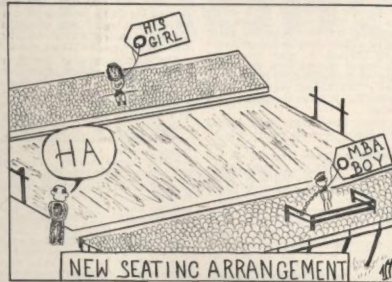
Litton kicked off to start the second half, the ball going to the Maroon 35, and Erhart returning it to the 35. The Big Red then started to roll and roll it did to the Lions' 15. There M. B. A. was penalized 15 yards. A run by Erhart and a run and a pass by Wade failed to gain a first down and the ball went over to Litton on their own 12. After losing 2 yards and gaining 1, the Lions kicked to their own 45, with Bobby Worrall returning the ball to the 42. This started a sustained drive, marked by a beautiful run by George Engle. Bill Wade scoring on the fifth play from the 7. Engle's attempted conversion was no good. The Big Red kicked off, the ball going to the Litton 20, the Lions' returning the ball to their own 30. Five plays later the game was three-fourths over.

As the final quarter opened, Litton was in possession of the ball on their own 46 yard line. After an incomplete pass, they were penalized 5 yards and on the next play M. B. A. was penalized 5 yards. The Lions then kicked to the Maroon 20, Erhart returning the ball to the 23. After the Big Red failed to gain a first down, Bill Wade's kick was partially blocked, going out of bounds on the Maroon 45. On the next play Litton's Kenneth Duke ran 45 yards for a touchdown. The Lions converted. Litton kicked to the M. B. A. 25, a penalty on the first play moving the ball to the 40. The Big Red then rolled in 8 plays to the Lions' 10 where the drive fizzled when two five-yard penalties, a no-gain run and three incomplete passes moved the ball back to the Litton 20. Here the Lions started a belated drive which after five plays, ended the game, with the ball on the Litton 45.

Kenneth Duke and Austin Davis starred for Litton. Bill Wade, Bob Ezell and Charlie Hawkins shined for the Maroons.

M. B. A. The Yardstick	Litton
13 First Downs	8
290 Yards Rushing	172
10 Passes Attempted	3
10 Passes Completed	3
43 Yards Passing	11
45 Yards Lost by Penalties	35
2 Fumbles	1

Maroon Machine Maintains Perfect Record With 32-0 Rout of T. I. S.



Team Holds Up Tradition With West; After Trailing, 7-6, At Half, Reds Surge Back To Score In Third, Fourth Stanzas

Friday, September 27, a strong and much improved Maroon eleven defeated the West High Blue Jay 30-7 on the West field.

M. B. A. began its march in the first quarter from the eight yard line where the offensive kickoff was received and progressed in eleven plays to the Blue Jays 12 yard line. This advance was marked by spectacular runs by George Engle and Bill Wade. Two plays after the first period began Engle authored a long 35 yard sweep around the right side of the line to give the Maroon the initial first down. It was only two downs later that Wade made a 19 yard run presenting the Big Red with another first down. M. B. A.'s offensive drive soon began to give out, however, and when the Maroons reached the 12 yard line a fumble gave West the ball. But the Big Red's line thwarted the Blue Jays attempt to gain and it was only a minute and a half later that the Maroons found themselves on the receiving end of a kick. In three successive plays, M. B. A. went from the 48 yard line to the 3 yard line. From there, Worrall took the ball over making the score 6-0. Engle tried for the conversion was unsuccessful.

West gained ground rapidly after the Maroons kicked off. At the end of the quarter the pickin was on the Blue Jay's possession on M. B. A.'s 36 yard line.

Bobby Worrall intercepted a West pass the first play of the second period, but this was of little avail to the Maroons for it was only 3 downs later that the Blue Jays snatched one of Bill Wade's passes out of the air to gain control of the ball on the M. B. A.'s 38 yard line. This began the West drive which ended ten plays later with a score for the Blue Jays. The conversion was good. The Maroons returned the West kick-off from the 20 yard line to their own 43, from this point the Big Red was stopped continuously by the West line. When it was fourth down and five to go on the Maroon's 48, Wade decided to kick. The punt went to the Blue Jay's nineteen yard stripe. The West eleven played well and in six plays they had moved to their 45 yard line. Here the whistle blew, signifying the end of the half—score, West 7, M. B. A. 6.

A 45 yard place kick by George Engle opened the second half. After futile attempts to gain against the Big Red eleven wall, West kicked. Billy Joe Erhart received the punt on the 13 yard line and weaved through a field of tacklers to the M. B. A. 30. From there the talented Maroon backfield carried the ball to the 45 yard line at which point the Big Red lost control of the ball through a fumble. The Maroons marched steadily from the West 30 yard stripe to the goal line where Wade scored. Engle's conversion made the score 13 to 7. The kick-off bounded down to the 20 yard line. The Blue Jays returned the pickin to their own 41 yard line. In seven plays the

MBA Tennis Team Swamps SMA, 5-1

On Saturday, September 27, the M. B. A. netters down Sewanee Military Academy, 5-1, on the Maroons' court. The match was played under a cloudless blue sky and a warm sun and featured some fine tennis, especially in the doubles. Harry Corson, playing his usual good game, breezed through tall Mac Montgomery with little trouble, 6-1, 6-4. In the Maroons' loss, Gordon Long was defeated by blond Jack Adoue, 6-2, 6-4. Adoue's game was not sensational, but was very steady and proved a little too much for Gordon, who, like most of the other Maroons, had had very little practice this fall. Andy Spickard beat Al Reynolds, 6-8, 6-4, 8-6, and came through with some pretty deep angle shots in a match which brought two strong offensive games together. In the other singles contest, little Fontaine McDaniel played a fine defensive game and defeated John Conway, 6-3, 6-2.

The first of the doubles matches was a couple of midgets, Fontaine McDaniel and Inman Fox, out Montgomery and Conway. Fontaine and Inman won the first set, 6-4, but Montgomery and Conway came roaring back, 6-1, in the second. The third set was tense and hard-fought but the Midgets triumphed, 6-4, as Montgomery was way off his game. Winding up the Maroon victory, Buzz Davis and Don Wade won over Reynolds and Adoue. The first set was long and close, ending in a 10-8 win for the Maroons who then went on to take the second set, 6-1.

West High eleven advanced the ball to the M. B. A. 46. When the quarter ended the Blue Jays had been thrown back to the mid-field stripe.

Almost immediately after the fourth quarter began, West punted to M. B. A. 9 yard line. M. B. A. moved rapidly from their 9 to the opposite goal. Fifteen plays later, Billy Joe Erhart carried the ball over from the three. Engle (Continued on Page 4.)

With a 102-yard touchdown run by Billy Joe Erhart setting the pace, the Big Red rolled to an impressive 32-0 victory over T. I. S. at Andrews Memorial Field Friday, October 3. The Maroon fore-wall showed considerable improvement in holding the Industrial School for four downs inside the M. B. A. five yard line as the throng of 2,250 fans watched, amazed.

As the opening whistle blew, the Broncos kicked to the Maroon 20 where Erhart took it and returned it to the M. B. A. 35. Five plays later the Industrial School recovered an M. B. A. fumble to take over on their own 40 yard line. They then proceeded to march to the Maroons' 35 on two five yard penalties, four runs and an incomplete pass, picking up two first downs on the way. After M. B. A. held, the Broncos kicked from the 41, and the ball went dead on the M. B. A. 10 yard line. Here the Big Red started a drive which opened with Erhart's seven yard gain. Then the Maroon backfield, paced by Bobby Worrall, carried the ball, in nine plays to the T. I. S. 3-yard line as the quarter ended.

In the first play of the second quarter, George Engle ended the drive as he carried the ball over from the 3. His attempted conversion was no good. After a penalty the Big Red kicked to the ten and T. I. S. ran it back to their own 28 yard line. They kicked on fourth, the ball going to the Maroon 34, from which Erhart returned it 10 yards to the 44. The Big Red then marched through its usual good game, breezed through tall Mac Montgomery with little trouble, 6-1, 6-4. In the Maroons' loss, Gordon Long was defeated by blond Jack Adoue, 6-2, 6-4. Adoue's game was not sensational, but was very steady and proved a little too much for Gordon, who, like most of the other Maroons, had had very little practice this fall. Andy Spickard beat Al Reynolds, 6-8, 6-4, 8-6, and came through with some pretty deep angle shots in a match which brought two strong offensive games together. In the other singles contest, little Fontaine McDaniel played a fine defensive game and defeated John Conway, 6-3, 6-2.

After their kick was put in play on the 40 the Big Red held the Broncos for four downs and T. I. S. kicked to the M. B. A. five where they recovered a Maroon fumble, punting them right at paydirt. The Big Red line refused to budge, however, the Maroons took over on downs on their own three yard line. Bill Wade punted, on first down, to the M. B. A. 40, where it was run back to the 35. After a run and an incomplete pass, he kicked, the ball going dead on the Maroons 5 yard line. On the next play Billy Joe Erhart ran 102 yards for a touchdown and the third tally of the night for M. B. A.

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Personality of the Month



For our first issue of the "Bell Ringer" of the 1947-48 season we have chosen as our personality of the month one of the most outstanding boys that has ever attended M. B. A. This boy excels on the football field, on the basketball court, on the baseball diamond, on the tennis court, and in the classroom. He could be none other than Bill Wade. If a poll were taken to determine the best well-rounded boy at M. B. A. one may be sure Bill Wade would be a heavy favorite.

Well, let's look back at Bill Wade's record and see why he has become such an outstanding boy in the fields of athletics, scholarship, and leadership.

Bill entered M. B. A. in the eighth grade in 1943. He began participating in sports immediately, playing on the coeds football team during that year. While he was just a freshman, he lettered in baseball and during his sophomore and junior year lettered in three sports: football, basketball, and baseball. No M. B. A. team this year would be complete without him.

Bill did more than just participate in these sports; he became outstanding in each of them. He was chosen the most valuable football player in this city last year.

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MAROONS ROUT

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Wade's pass conversion failed. Bill Wade again kicked off to the Broncos' 25. After a no-gain run they quick-kicked to the Maroon 48, setting up another M. B. A. score. In three plays M. B. A. advanced to the T. I. S. 26. Here Bill Wade threw a short pass to George Engle who carried it over from the eighteen. George then converted, making the score 26-0 for the Big Red. The kickoff was run back to the T. I. S. 25 as the third period ended.

After three plays they kicked and Bobby Worrall returned it to the T. I. S. 35. Wade's kick was blocked and James Graylow ran the ball to the M. B. A. 29 yard line to the Broncos' 35 yard line. There, with Charlie Hawkins in Jack Sparks' shoes, the old Wade-to-Sparks-to-Erhart play was pulled with Billy Joe going all the way for the final Maroon tally. Engle's attempted conversion was no good. The final score: M. B. A., 32; T. I. S. 0.

George Engle, Bill Wade, Bobby Worrall and Bob Exell were outstanding among a much-improved Maroon team, while Glen Biles, Marrien Hill and James Gaylor starred for the Broncos.

Bill was one of the key men on our basketball team, and his name appeared many times on the weekly list of outstanding players. Bill, not to be outdone in baseball either, led the batting in the high school league last year. He is also a wonderful tennis player. In the summer between his sophomore and junior years he won the boy's singles and doubles and the junior's doubles in the city tournament.

Bill has always maintained a high scholastic standing, and has shown his ability as a leader in numerous capacities. He was secretary of his sophomore class, president of his junior class, secretary of the Monogram Club, and a member of the Honor Council. Bill was also a charter member of the Key Club, and during his eight grade, freshman year, and sophomore year a member of the Junior Honor Society, which since has been disbanded.

Bill's favorite sport is football. Are you surprised? He gave a very definite answer when asked his favorite food—everything but liver. Bill was unable to decide which subject was his favorite, but he was certain Latin was his hardest.

His most distinguishing characteristic is his warm friendly smile. Two of Bill's greatest assets are his taking fullest advantage of his numerous talents and his applying himself to the task that confronts him no matter whether it be scoring a touchdown or passing a test.

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James came running, but it tripped over a mound and sprained my ankle."

"It seems like an airtight case to me," said Jerry. He just twisted his ankle jumping off that ledge. All he did was to sprain his ankle; not a scratch on him. He's lucky he wasn't hurt worse."

The men return to the front yard, finding it strewn with glass from the window. They also found a hot and well-greased gun, which William had kicked under the bush. The gun had the finger-prints of James.

Next day James is indicted. He seems doomed to the electric chair for first degree murder. The motive is supposedly revenge.

After a hard day the three young men sit around the fire, discussing the events of the last twenty-four hours. "Too bad about the poor wretch," said Jerry. "Yes," said King, "Too bad that William will burn in the electric chair." How did King know that William was the murderer? The answer to this simple mystery will appear in the next issue of the BELL RINGER.

E. N.—Ye editor scraped up this story as a starter. If you can write poetry, short stories or the like, turn your efforts into Billy Edwards or myself, that we might consider the work for publication. Thanks a million.

REDS SURGE BACK

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Kicked a beauty through the cross-bars giving the Maroons a total score of 20 points. M. B. A.'s kick went deep into Blue Jay territory but an excellent run by West's tail-back brought the ball back to the Blue Jays' 34 yard line. After two more long runs, which placed them on the 46 yard line, they began a series of desperation passes, fortunately none of these were completed and on the last down, West was forced to punt. The kick went to the Maroon 26 and was run back to the 49 by Erhart. Three plays later when the M. B. A. eleven had advanced to the 20, the game ended. Final score: M. B. A. 20, West 7.

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The most important thing for us to understand is that the Russian people do not want war. I cannot doubt that the Russians believed the words of Andrei Vishinsky, when he called the Americans warmongers. And why not? Are not we always contending with the Soviet? We save Greece and Turkey for democracy. If you were a Russian, what would you think? We build up a large peace-time army. If you were a Russian, what would you think? We continue to work furiously at the atomic bomb. If you were a Russian, what would you think? Before you condemn the Russians for spreading Communism, remember our policy in Greece and Turkey. We definitely should continue to spread democracy, for democracy, we believe, is the greatest form of government. But we should not flail the Reds for spreading her doctrine. We must remember that Communism is the best form of government for Russia, as shown by the rise of the common man from serfdom to comparative prosperity in twenty-five years.

If we want war with Russia in two or three decades, we should definitely continue our "Get tough with Russia" policy. If we want peace, we should elect more idealistic leaders, or get our present leaders to show a change of heart. We should not be trying to win the next war, when we still have a chance at peace. Our leaders should get together with Russia's leaders and convince them that Americans never want another war. We should approach them peaceably instead of haughtily. We should make a final effort toward peace and prosperity before it is too late and we find ourselves engulfed in the abyssal chaos of World War III.

FALL NET SQUAD

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gimmie stage, but who aren't quite varsity material yet.

The experts, or tentative varsity squad, include about a dozen of

the best tennis players in school such as Harry Corson, Gordon Long, Bransford Wallace, Imman Fox, Don Wade, Buzz Davis, Rascoe Davis, Marston Crump, Dick Thorpe, Henry Hooker, Bronson Ingram, and Buford Dickerson.

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